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Devaswom Orphanage, Nagercoil

* 199 *Q*.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have handed over the management of the Devaswom Orphanage in Nagercoil in the Kanyakumari district to any private individual;

(*b*) if so, what are the specific reasons for this change in the management;

(*c*) the amount that is spent by the Hindu Religious Department per annum for the running of this orphanage; and

(*d*) the number of orphans now in the orphanage?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is a saving of Rs. 3,450 per annum to the Kanyakumari Devaswom Board by the transfer of management. Apart from this, the private individual to whom the management was transferred is already running an orphanage on proper lines. He expressed his willingness to take over the management of the orphanage run by the Devaswom Board and the Government considered it desirable to transfer the management of the orphanage subject to certain conditions.

(*c*) Rs. 4,800 is given as annual grant.

(*d*) Twenty.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : Sir, may I know whether any committee is constituted to supervise whether this orphanage is properly managed or not?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The officers of the Devaswom Board will supervise, and it has been agreed to by this institution that they would subject themselves to any supervision that would be made by the Board.

Vigilance Homes

* 202 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of Vigilance Homes in the State and the number of girls committed to each of these Homes in the year 1956–57 and 1957–58 under the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There are two Vigilance Homes in this State, viz.,

(1) Government Vigilance Home, Madras; and

(2) Private Vigilance Home in the Meenakshi Sadanam under the Social Welfare Association, Madurai.